

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 August 65 18/0328Z	2. LOCATION Ottawa, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Horizontal flight does not rule out meteor observation. Object has all characteristics of a meteor sighting.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Object at 10-15 deg elevation in horizontal flight paralell to the Earth. Flight from ENE to WSW. Disappeared beyond trees. Brighter than the North Star. Total duration 15 seconds. Covered the width of a thumb at arms length in 1 second. Looked like a big meteor except that it had horizontal flight instead of descending.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE WSW	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	



17 Aug 65

24 November 1965

[REDACTED] sh/SAFOICC/72842/24 Nov 65

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your report of an aerial object which you observed and were unable to identify on 17 August 1965.

The object which you observed has been evaluated as a meteor, not a satellite as you suggested. Satellites have much slower speeds than the object which you observed. All known satellites have an easterly component in their direction of flight.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Civil Branch  
Community Relations Division  
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Ottawa, Ill

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 17 Aug 65, Ottawa, Illinois

OCT 19 1965

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (M [REDACTED])  
Wash D C 20330

Reference the attached letter from [REDACTED] requesting information on his unidentified observation of 17 Aug 65. His observation is characteristic of a meteor. Duration of 15 seconds is rather long, however, the object did traverse more than 90 degrees of arc. Satellite observations have apparent speeds much slower than that of the object which M [REDACTED] observed. Also, all known satellites have orbital characteristics of an Easterly component and none present a flight to the west of the North-South axis.

FOR THE COMMANDER

  
ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Ltr [REDACTED]



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August 17, 1965

approx.  $10^{\circ}$ - $15^{\circ}$  above horizon  
traveling horizontally  
to the North  
from N to S  
stowed & appeared  
to move ~~from~~  
ENE to WSW,  
as it faded  
and disappeared  
behind trees.  
was clearly dis-  
tinguished, a little  
brighter than the  
North star, about  
2 times brighter.  
at fastest speed it cov-  
ered the width of  
my thumb (1") at  
(20") arms length in  
1 second & at slow



est speed (when  
it appeared to  
~~slow~~ and move  
away) it covered  
the same 1" in  
just less than  
three seconds.

Saw object for just  
about 15 seconds  
when walking  
E to W on Main  
street just ~~west~~<sup>west</sup>  
of La Salle St.  
in Ottawa, Ill.  
at 9:28 C.S.T. It  
looked like a large  
meteor only  
it was going  
across ~~up~~<sup>up</sup>  
of down.

Would like this just  
checked, I believe  
that it was



just once for  
satellites. No  
one else, that  
I know of, saw  
this.  
Thank You,  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

10:50 just noticed  
what looked  
like an airplane  
very large &  
clear within  
1 mile N of Ottawa  
Riv. up Ottawa  
~~the~~ traveling  
at about the  
same speed  
as the first  
object, but  
since it was  
so close, I say  
50-60 MPH

had 2 red  
lights & a  
less than 150'  
off ground.

was going N to S then  
very suddenly  
turned & was  
going W to E  
then appeared  
to land.

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